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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**LOS ANGELES AREA MAN SENTENCED TO
FEDERAL PRISON FOR INVOLVEMENT
WITH UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF HANDGUNS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that IVAN NUNEZ, 20, was sentenced late Friday to 29 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to aiding and abetting making false statements in connection with the acquisition of firearms. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

NUNEZ, who is originally from Lynwood, California, had been living in Indianapolis for approximately six months when he recruited Marie Polston to buy handguns for him. During July and August 2004, NUNEZ furnished Polston with money to purchase handguns for him knowing that she would represent that she was the actual buyer. Polston purchased a total of

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eight handguns from local firearms dealers Don's Guns and Galleries and Bradis, Inc. NUNEZ accompanied Polston to the gun dealer on each occasion.

According to assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon who represented the government, this case was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program to reduce gun violence.

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